

# HUERTA DEFIA IT; MEDIATORS BEGIN WORK

THE MEDIATORS AND THE DELEGATES AT THE NIAGARA FALLS CONFERENCE

have affirmed by a striking example the never to be forgotten lesson that even in the midst of the turmoil of battle and the unchained tempests of hate and conflicting ambitions, above all this tumult will be heard the clear and persuasive voice of reason counselling the sacrifice of persons in favor of the collective interests of the people and spreading the gospel of peace and justice.

At the conclusion of the Brazilian envoy's address Justice Lamar and Senor Rabasa replied. The mediators and the delegates then discussed the mode of procedure to be adopted during the conference, and the following rules, suggested by the mediators, were adopted:

First—The plenipotentiaries of Brazil, Argentina and Chile will preside over the conference. The Brazilian Ambassador will direct the proceedings of the conference.

Second—The minutes of the proceedings will be signed by the representatives and the three mediators; they will be countersigned by the three secretaries of the mediators and said minutes shall be drafted in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and five copies thereof shall be made, one copy for each of the representatives and one copy for each of the mediators. The deliberations shall be secret.

Third—The full conference will be held first for the expression of the views of the representatives, upon their request, second, for the presentation of the basis of settlement; third, for their acceptance or rejection.

Fourth—The conference will be closed by a full final session, at which will be stated all the particular circumstances which were considered in arriving at the final result of the conference, whatever such result may be. In the event of a favorable solution being reached the minutes of the last full session at which said solution was accepted shall form the basis of the protocol of documents to be signed.

Fifth—Closing addresses by the mediators and representatives, should they so desire.

After adopting this method of procedure the meeting was adjourned.

Throughout the conference a Canadian policeman was stationed at the foot of the staircase and another remained outside the door of the conference room.

**Mexican Delegates Arrive.**

The train bringing the Mexican delegates and their families to the scene of the mediation conference was divided at Buffalo, the delegates' special car being sent right on to Niagara Falls, N. Y. The other passengers on the train, including William Flynn and his secret service men and a number of newspaper correspondents, were compelled to change at Buffalo and arrived here about later. The delegates reached Niagara Falls, N. Y., at 7:30 A. M. They were met by Robert F. Rose, representing the State Department, who conveyed them in five automobiles to the Canadian side.

Justice Lamar and Mr. Lehman left the Prospect House on the American side, where they are staying, at 11 o'clock to pay their respects to the mediators, and received Martin Burrell, Canadian Secretary of Agriculture, and Sir Joseph Pope, Canadian Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, who had come to wait on them on behalf of Canada. This visit was returned later in the day by the United States representatives.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon Justice Lamar and Mr. Lehman were the guests of the mediators at an informal tea, during which they met the Mexican delegates and their relatives.

The arrangement by which the American delegates are remaining in American territory, on one side of the river, while the mediators and the Mexican delegates are all here on the Canadian side, is extremely unfortunate, as is evidenced by the fact that the mediators did not return the visit which the American delegates paid to them. They evidently held that it was a neutral country to attempt to arrange the difficulties between the two nations it behooves them to remain there officially.

The American delegates held an informal conference to-night with the mediators at the Clifton House. Justice Lamar and Mr. Lehman arrived at 9:30 and remained with Ambrose and his family until 11:30. A formal dinner was given at 10 o'clock, and an announcement was made after the meeting, but it was stated that the mediators and the American delegates held a purely informal discussion.

**WASHINGTON WILL INSIST.**

**President Huerta's Elimination a Sine Qua Non of Peace.**

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Huerta's denial that he has authorized his representatives at Niagara Falls to offer his resignation has not altered the belief in Washington that the elimination of the dictator will be brought about as the result of the mediation conferences. It is known here that Huerta's representatives were prepared when they left Washington to go to the extent of sacrificing him if they found there was no other way of settling the Mexican crisis.

It can be said without qualification that no other solution of the Mexican problem will be accepted by the United States except one which provides for the elimination of Huerta and the establishment of constitutional government. President Wilson has made his mind up on that point and there will be no withdrawal of the forces at Vera Cruz until this result has been attained.

Huerta's formal denial was regarded in Washington to-night in the nature of an effort to strengthen the hands of his representatives at Niagara Falls in the preliminary parley. Naturally the Mexican delegates to the mediation conferences are not prepared to yield on this extreme point at the very beginning of the proceedings, and they undoubtedly will be embarrassed if the reports went undisturbed that Huerta had authorized them to make this concession.

The report that Huerta had transmitted such instructions to his commissioners originated from a diplomat in Washington who received information from reliable sources in Mexico city that such instructions had been forwarded. This statement, in which hints dropped by Huerta's delegates while they were in Washington and with the logic of the situation in Mexico itself.

State Department officials to-day hinted that "other means" might soon be employed in efforts to locate Vice-Consul John R. Silliman, of whom no word has been received for weeks and whose release from prison in Saltillo is not a fully established fact.

The efforts of the Brazilian Minister in Mexico city and the Consul in the British service have proved fruitless. No further representations in behalf of Silliman, and the State Department will probably commence negotiations with the Constitutionalists shortly, anticipating a rebel victory at that point.

Mr. Bryan would not explain his reference to the "other means" for locating Silliman. It is understood that further action in the case will come from the President himself.

Reassembled Badger reported to the Navy Department to-night that the City of Tampico, which had been chartered to make a round of the Yucatan ports, offered



EDUARDO SUAREZ — EMILIO RABASA — LUIS ELGUERO — AUGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ — FREDERICK W. LEHMAN and JUSTICE LAMAR.

## FEAR FOR 30 AMERICANS LOST IN DESOLATE WILDS

Fled From Yucatan Into British Honduras Without Food or Guides. Unwilling to Go to Any Mexican Port.

Gen. Funston is confronted with another act of petty spite by a Mexican army commander designed to inconvenience not only the military but everybody in Vera Cruz. The Federal officer in charge of the port of Alvarado, about thirty miles south of Vera Cruz, declined to allow any more boatsmen to carry fruit and vegetables to this city. He has forbidden under heavy penalties any of them to leave the port with such a cargo. Alvarado is famous for its fruit and vegetables, which grow in abundance around the town. The little boats have been bringing this to Vera Cruz for years. The trade took a big boom after the Americans landed and the prices were better than they had been in history. The market men and the boatmen were becoming prosperous beyond their dreams. Officially the order is said to be a punishment for the Mexican boatmen, who are charged with having induced Admiral Badger to send the gunboat Paducah to Alvarado to protect them against their own countrymen. They are called traitors deserving of punishment for this crime. How the Mexican commandant reasons this out no American in authority can imagine. The Paducah is at Alvarado to keep her eye on the Federal gunboat Progreso, which has been lying in the harbor for several weeks. The scout cruiser Salem joined her to-day. Progreso is one of the ports where Huerta might get ammunition now, although it is not known there is any in sight for him at that point. Only twenty prisoners are locked up in the fortress of San Juan de Ulloa now. They are men convicted of murder. While awaiting final action the army and navy are to settle that never to be settled question which is superior in baseball. The officers will have it out to-morrow. The men will have their chance later.

**Mexican Troops Advance to Within 1,500 Yards of Outpost**

By E. DE L. SLEVIN. (Special Correspondent of THE SUN.)

VERA CRUZ, May 20.—A force of Mexican advanced this evening to within 1,500 yards of the U. S. marine outpost at the Lagarto pumping station on the Intercoastal Railway and took up a position there. Capt. Hughes is in command of the American troops.

By DUDLEY HARMON. Special Correspondent of THE SUN with Admiral Badger's Fleet.

VERA CRUZ, May 20.—The refugees from the southern ports of Mexico who arrived with Charles Jenkinson, the Red Cross agent, on the City of Tampico yesterday reported that thirty Americans who had fled from Yucatan are lost in British Honduras. They feared to go to Progreso and travelled southeast toward the British possession. They were not well provided with food and had no guides. It is feared they are lost or are without food in a desolate country. The British authorities at Belize have been asked to look out for them. Twenty of the Tampico's passengers landed at Vera Cruz. The others, of several nationalities, will go to the United States on the Monterey. The other foreign consuls are aiding the United States in disposing of them. All have been vaccinated and put under medical observation.

The compulsory registration order shows that there are 540 refugees in Vera Cruz to-day. Seventy are Americans.

**MEDIATION IS A JOKE, SAYS GEN. CARRANZA**

We Will Hold Mexico, He Asserts, and No Conference Can Stop Us.

LOS ANGELES, May 20.—"The conference of mediators at Niagara Falls is a joke. No matter what action the mediators take it will not be recognized by the Constitutionalists, nor will it affect our efforts to obtain control of Mexico unless it gives us control. This is impossible, as Huerta is represented. "Huerta is coming to step down and put a dark horse favorable to the old Diaz party in his place. This would leave Huerta practically as powerful as he now is—and without the burden of responsibility now upon his shoulders." This is quoted from a telegram received from Gen. Carranza this evening by Adolfo Carrillo, consul in Los Angeles for the rebels.

"He knows," the message continues, "that the United States and the other nations represented at the conference will not agree to his remaining in charge of Mexican affairs. So he schemes to place some one affiliated with the old Diaz party, of which he is a member, in his place to continue the work of oppression and massacre."

"The Constitutionalists will not stand for this. If such a man is placed in charge in Huerta's place he will find himself in exactly the same precarious position as is now occupied by Huerta. The Constitutionalists intend taking possession of Mexico and no peace conference will stop them."

**REFUGEE SHIP, 100 ON; WRECKED NEAR TAMPICO**

Atlantis, on Way to Galveston, Goes on Rocks and May Be Smashed.

GALVESTON, May 20.—Wireless messages received here late to-night say that the Gulf Coast Fruit and Steamship Company's steamer Atlantis, which left Tampico for Galveston this morning, went aground on the Mexican coast to-night and is fast heading to pieces.

Distress signals were picked up here, but the exact location has not been determined. Information is that she went on the rocky shore after having drifted from her course in heavy seas.

The majority of the passengers are refugees coming from Tampico to the United States. Several of them are women, but many are workers in the oil fields. It is understood that several newspaper men are on her.

Officials of the company here said they could not give the list of passengers, but that more than one hundred are supposed to be aboard. They said that they heard nothing from the ship to-day. The wireless station declares that signals indicate that the Atlantis cannot last long. Tugs have been sent out to search for the ship, which is supposed to be thirty miles up the coast from Tampico.

It was also reported to-day that the sidewheel steamer Major Black, picking up refugees, was sunk in Panuco River near Tampico.

## CARSTAIRS RYE

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## BATTLE OF SALTILLO NOW ON IN EARNEST

Villa Attacks Gens. Maass and De Moure and Bombards the City.

**MANY FEDERALS CAPTURED**

Gen. Osorno and Staff of 32 Officers Executed by Rebel Chief.

JUAREZ, Mexico, May 20.—Gen. Villa and his rebel forces are engaged in battle with the Federal army at Saltillo under command of Gens. Maass and De Moure and the city is now under bombardment, according to reports which reached the border to-day. On account of the prohibition by Gen. Villa on the sending of press matter definite advice of the progress of the battle were lacking.

Federal Gen. Osorno and his staff of thirty-two officers fleeing toward Saltillo from the battlefield of Paredon were captured at Zertuchel by the rebels Tuesday afternoon and immediately executed, according to a message received from Pancho Villa's private secretary, Luis Aguirre Benavides.

Three trains and some artillery were left behind at Zertuchel by the Federals and fell into rebel hands. Four rebel brigades, the message said, retreated around the 5,000 Federals at Paredon and took positions on the railway at Zertuchel, fifteen miles south of the battleground and close to Saltillo. When the retreating Huertistas approached they attacked them.

The two Federal generals killed in the fighting at Paredon were Miguel Alvarez and Ignacio Munoz. Eight hundred Federal troops were captured, together with nine cannons, a number of machine guns and 600,000 rounds of ammunition and all the transportation wagons of the column.

Villa telegraphed an official report of the battle to Carranza at Durango and stated that his officers and men deported themselves with their usual valor. His own losses, he said, were relatively small.

**WIFE 44 YEARS—NOW PARTED.**

Mrs. Rosenbaum, in Winning Decree, Calls Jeweller Cruel.

After living with her husband for forty-two years Mrs. Caroline Rosenbaum got a decree of separation yesterday from David Rosenbaum, a pioneer jeweller of the theatrical district. Three daughters of the Rosenbaums sided with their father in court, while their son supported his mother's testimony of cruelty and abandonment.

Court attendants could not remember a case in which the parties had been separated after being married so long. Justice Page awarded \$15 a week alimony.

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